Active immunisation of the people by using vaccine and seram is not possible in this disease. There is sufficient stock of Antibiotics at Primary Health Centre, Kod for treatment of such cases and the situation is well under control. The people were educated regarding disposal of the dead animals and adoption of suitable preventive measures against the spread of the disease.

The Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre, Kod is also instrucetd to keep a close watch on the incidence of the disease and to take immediate control measures.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಜಿ. ಬಣಕಾರ್.—ಈ ರೋಗ 1973 ರ ಆಗಸ್ಟ್ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿದ್ದಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹಿತ, ಮತ್ತು ಇದರಿಂದ ಅನೇಕ ಜನರು ಸತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಗಿ ನೋಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಲಿಂಗ್ ಅಟೆನ್‌ಷನ್ ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟನಂತರ ಚೌಕಾಸಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಆಗದಂತೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೋಗ ಬಂದ ತಕ್ಷಣ, ಅದನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡಿ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಯೋಗ್ಯ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ? ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಆಶ್ವಾಸನೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ, ರೋಗ ಕಂಡಕೂಡಲೆ ಅವರು ಹೋಗಿ ನೋಡ ಬೇಕಾದುದು ಅವರ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ. ಆ ರೀತಿ ವರ್ತಿಸುವಂತೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(ii) Re : *Mosquito menace in Gulbarga District*

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Kalgi).—I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the hardship caused to the people due to mosquito menace in Gulbarga City.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—I wish to make the following statement :

The main reason for mosquito menace in Gulbarga City is the wet cultivation for growing vegetables and grass, etc., carried on within the city limits and outskirts of the City by free use of sullage water. The underground drainage work in the city is still incomplete. Until this is completed and all the sullage water is led into underground drainage the mosquito breeding cannot be stopped.

Gulbarga city has also come under the National Filaria Control Programme from November 1971 and, on an average 7,500 litres of Mosquito larvicidal oil is used per month to spray mosquito breeding places. The field men attached to the Filaria Control Unit are prevented from oiling the wet cultivation areas by the agriculturists fearing damage to crops.

The subject of mosquito control in Gulbarga city was discussed in a meeting a few months ago where the Municipal Staff and the district health staff were present. The Municipal authorities have been requested to give their full co-operation to carry out oiling of breeding places. They have also been requested to clear all the storm water drains in city which are choked up so that water could flow easily.

(SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA)

The mosquito menace can be brought under control by :

(i) Early completeion of underground drainage system and anciliary works ;

(ii) Prevention of wet cultivation within the outskirts of the city.

Gulbarga City comes within the consolidation area, where malaria is said to be prevelent for the past 15 years. During 1973, 18,548 blood smears have been drawn within the city out of which 88 cases have been found positive. All preventive measures like treatment of cases and Insecticidal spray with D.D.T. is being carried out.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—When the people in Gulbarga approach the Health Department, they say that the Municipal administration is to look after the control of philaria and when they approach the Municipality, they say that they have no staff or something like that and thus the people are put to unnecessary trouble. Moreover, when this underground drainage system is completed, I think this will be completed soon, this matter could be tackled. I would like to know what action Government would take to prevent the wet cultivation going on round about Gulbarga City ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—So far as I know, subject to correction, there is no act preventing the wet cultivation within the Municipal limit or near about which is not conducive for the health of the people. We have found the same difficulty in Bangalore also. Now the Bangalore City Corporation is co-operating and some of the cultivation has been stopped. When silage water is used for growing the grass and other crops, those would be the places for breeding of mosquitos. Therefore the Corporation has to play its part in order to see that it comes within their Act and see that this wet cultivation or the use of Silage water is stopped. So far as the Health Department is concerned, I cannot stop the breeding of mosquitos. I can only come in there for purposes of giving any treatment whenever there is some trouble. That will have to be done by the Municipality.

(iii) Re : *Non-availability of Drugs in the Mallegowda General and Maternity Hospital, Chickmagalur.*

Sri G. PUTTASWAMY (Mudigere).—I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the non-availability of emergency and other drugs in Malle Gowda General and Maternity Hospital, Chickmagalur.